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37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2), applicants hereby cross-references the following related patent applications, which is assigned to the same assignee as the present patent application:

(1) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/165,819, entitled "Method and System for Conducting Reverser Auctions for Electronic Commerce", filed November 16, 1999, now expired;

(2) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/441,031, entitled "Method and System for Conducting Reverser Auctions for Electronic Commerce", filed November 16, 1999, now abandoned; and

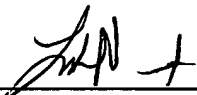
(3) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/715,862, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Operating an Electronic Commerce Network Host Site", filed November 16, 2000.

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